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To eliminate fraud in the payment of supplemental security income benefits to children by reason of disability.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DICKEY (for himself and Mr. SHAYS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To eliminate fraud in the payment of supplemental security income benefits to children by reason of disability.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REPLACEMENT OF CASH BENEFIT WITH MEDI-**
4 **CAL VOUCHER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(b) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(b)) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 “(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the
9 benefit under this title for a child who has not attained

1 18 years of age shall be vouchers issued pursuant to sub-
2 section (j).”.

3 (b) ISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS FOR TREATMENT OF
4 DISABLING CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR
5 SSI BENEFITS.—Section 1611 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1382(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(j)(1) The Commissioner shall issue to each child
8 eligible for benefits under this title who has not attained
9 18 years of age vouchers which may be used to cover the
10 cost associated with treating the blindness or disability of
11 the child.

12 “(2) The Commissioner shall, by regulation—

13 “(A) develop an appropriate measure of the an-
14 ticipated costs associated with treating each kind of
15 blindness or disability from which a child may suf-
16 fer, which shall take account of the severity of the
17 blindness or disability, any geographic variation in
18 such costs, and such other factors as the Commis-
19 sioner deems appropriate; and

20 “(B) establish a schedule which shall be used to
21 determine the dollar value of the vouchers to be is-
22 sued to a child to cover the costs associated with
23 treating the blindness or disability of the child.

24 “(3) The Commissioner shall pay to each provider of
25 health care goods or services that is licensed by a State,

1 or by a professional health care organization approved by
2 the Commissioner, that submits to the Commissioner a
3 voucher issued under this subsection an amount equal to
4 the face dollar amount of the voucher.”.

5 **SEC. 2. FRAUD CONTROL.**

6 Part B of title XVI of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1383–1383d) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 **“SEC. 1636. FRAUD CONTROL.**

10 “(a) NOTICE OF COOPERATION.—The Commissioner
11 shall notify the Inspector General of the Department of
12 Health and Human Services and each State agency re-
13 sponsible for the detection of fraud in cases involving ben-
14 efits under this title, in writing, that the Commissioner
15 is willing to assist in the detection of such fraud and that
16 the Commissioner requests the name and social security
17 account number of each person who is suspected of such
18 fraud.

19 “(b) INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED FRAUD.—With-
20 in 30 days after the Commissioner receives a name sub-
21 mitted pursuant to the written request required by sub-
22 section (a), the Commissioner shall conduct such activities
23 as the Commissioner deems appropriate, including benefit
24 redetermination, to ascertain whether the person named
25 is eligible for benefits under this title.

1 “(c) DEVELOPMENT OF PROFILES; PERIODIC TAR-
2 GETED REDETERMINATIONS.—The Commissioner shall
3 develop profiles of the kinds of cases that have a high
4 probability of fraud, and shall conduct periodic targeted
5 redeterminations based on such profiles.”.

